



City of Newport Beach, CA
City Manager's Newsletter

TO: Mayor Gardner & Council Members
FROM: Dave Kiff, City Manager
DATE: February 24, 2012

Please enjoy the attached newsletters...



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager
From: Kimberly Brandt, Community Development Director
Subject: City Manager's Newsletter
Date: February 24, 2012

Planning Division

Rental Assistance Waiting List Re-Opens after Seven Years

The Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA) has opened its waiting list to accept pre-applications for Section 8 housing assistance for the first time in seven years. The waiting list is open from February 15 until February 29 and provides opportunity for very low-income disabled persons, seniors, families, and individuals to obtain a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher. The voucher assistance allows low-income individuals or families to pay only 30 percent of their monthly income towards rent and OCHA pays the remaining amount. The waiting list has been closed since 2005 due to the limited number of vouchers provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the high volume of applicants.

Applications, which are not considered on a first-come, first-served basis, are grouped in the following order of preference: 1) veterans 2) seniors/disabled and 3) working families or individuals residing in OCHA's jurisdiction. Computers are available at library branches for on-line submittals and staff will print hard copies of the application upon request. Melinda Whelan of the Planning Division is available to assist with waiting list or housing questions at (949) 644-3221 or e-mail mwhelan@newportbeachca.gov.

Project Updates

Appeal of Denial - Lot Merger Application: 2808 and 2812 Ocean Boulevard

On January 24, 2012, at the request of the applicant, the City Council referred the appeal to the Planning Commission. The Council directed the Commission to provide a recommendation for approval or denial based on development standards, to be provided by the applicant, which would be more restrictive than the Zoning Code. Following the meeting, staff met with the applicant, and provided clarification of the standards and regulations that apply to these properties. Based on discussions with the applicant, staff anticipates a March 22, 2012, Planning Commission hearing date.

Newport Banning Ranch

The Planning Commission has held three study sessions on the proposed project. The purpose of the study sessions is to provide the Planning Commission and the public the opportunity to review and discuss details of the proposed project prior to the public hearings. Each study session focused on specific elements of the project, such as subdivision design and circulation, parks and open space, and land use and development regulations. The next study session will be held on March 8, 2012, and will cover the findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Abatement Extensions

Between the months of November 2011 and February 2012, the City's Hearing Officer approved nine abatement extensions. These properties were subject to the 2008 Ordinance that established a one-year period for the abatement and termination of non-conforming uses in residential districts. With these approvals and ten requests for land use changes (amendments), all affected properties satisfy the zoning provisions.

New Application

The Planning Division has recently accepted an application to amend the North Newport Center Planned Community (PC) Development Plan in order to increase the number of residential units in Newport Center by 94, for a total of 524 residential units.

Planning Activity

The following is a sample of the Planning Division's counter activities:

PLANNING COUNTER ACTIVITY FOR FEBRUARY 13TH TO 17TH	
127	CUSTOMERS SERVED (AVERAGE OF 25 PER DAY)
42	PLANS REVIEWED AT THE COUNTER
36	PLAN CHECKS APPROVED OVER THE COUNTER (42 PLANS SUBMITTED FOR A TOTAL OF 85%)

Code Enforcement Division

Bristol Street (South) Revitalization Project

Based on the Santa Ana Heights-Bristol Street South Landscape Revitalization Conceptual Plan recommendations, Code Enforcement staff is meeting with business owners in this commercial area to ensure compliance with City policies related to property maintenance and signage. Staff is working with business owners and property owners to remove unpermitted signs and encourage regular maintenance of the properties. Staff will continue to monitor this area on a regular basis and look forward to seeing the improvements suggested by the Citizen's Advisory Panel.

Balboa Village Revitalization Project

In response to recent complaints, Code Enforcement staff has been working with several commercial property owners and tenants within the Balboa Village to ensure compliance



Before: Building with chipped and peeling paint.

(e.g., repair any chipped, peeling or weathered paint, etc.)



After: Same building with a fresh coat of paint.

with the City's property maintenance standards. Several building owners within the Village have responded positively and have made improvements to the façade of their buildings

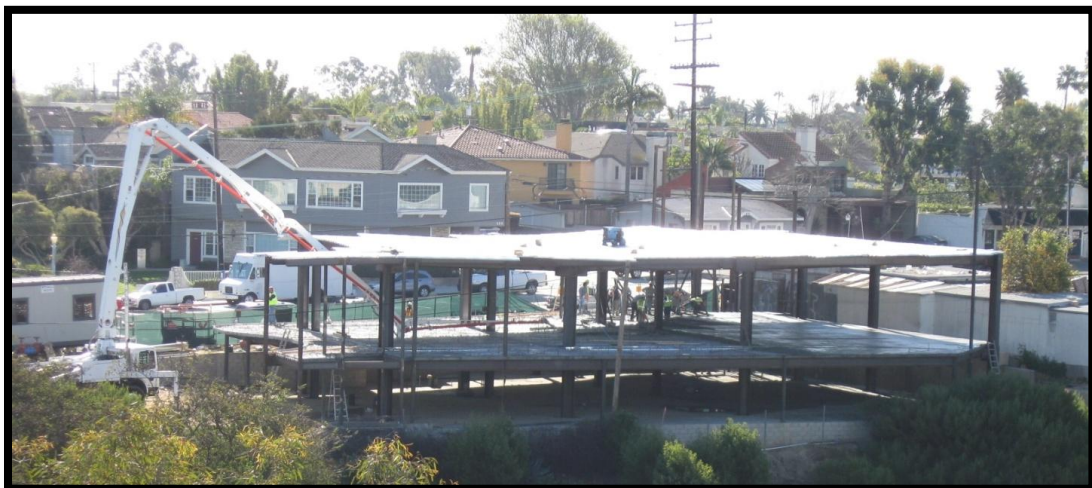
Building Division

Newport Bay Marina Update

The Newport Bay Marina project located at 2300 Newport Boulevard has been a long time in coming. Recently the property owner, ETCO Homes, obtained the demolition permits to remove the existing warehouse structures.

Staff is currently working with the property owner to issue the building permits for their new mixed use development project. We anticipate issuing the permits very soon.

Project Update



New medical office building under construction at 493 Old Newport Boulevard.



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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February 24, 2012

TO: DAVE KIFF, CITY MANAGER

FROM: Tracy McCraner, Finance Director/Treasurer

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

CALPERS – POTENTIAL CHANGES TO EMPLOYER RATES

Finance received a letter from CALPERS this week informing us that the CALPERS Pension and Health Benefits Committee will consider changes to actuarial economic assumptions at its meeting on March 13, 2012. There are three potential rate changes:

1. Price Inflation - decrease of .25% (from 3% to 2.75%)
2. Real Discount Rate – decrease .25% (from 4.75% to 4.50%)

The sum of the Price Inflation Rate + Real Discount Rate = Earnings Assumption/Discount Rate, if both decreases are approved the Earnings Assumption will decrease to 7.25% from 7.75%.

3. Wage Inflation – increase .25% (from .25% to .50%)

If the Board approves all three rate changes the largest potential impact on the City's pension payment is estimated to be 5% of payroll for Miscellaneous employees, or approximately \$1,850,000; and 8% of payroll for Safety employees, or \$2,640,000. If approved, the true impact will be included in the June 30, 2011, actuarial valuation report and will be effective fiscal year 2013-14. Finance has included this potential increase in the 5-year budget forecast and is working with the City Manager on budget solutions. We will provide an update after the March 13th Board meeting.

CLOSING OLD ENCUMBRANCES/PURCHASE ORDERS

As part of the budget management process, we routinely review the encumbrance and purchase order lists to determine if any are expired or outdated and should be closed. A list of encumbrances and purchase orders that are recommended for closure was distributed by email to the Management Team and to the Financial Info Group on February 16, 2012. A written request to keep any encumbrance or purchase order on the list open must be submitted by email to Budget Manager Susan Giangrande by March 1, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact Susan at ext. 3128.

CONFERENCE

Next week I will be attending the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO) Annual Conference in Anaheim from Wednesday, February 29 through Friday, March 2. Deputy Finance Director Dan Matusiewicz, Accounting Manager Rukshana Virany and Budget Manager Susan Giangrande will also be attending the conference. This is CSMFO's main training opportunity offered each year for its members with over 30 planned educational sessions, great keynote speakers and other events that will provide high quality training and networking opportunities. During my absence, Revenue Manager Evelyn Tseng will make sure to keep things running smoothly for the Finance Department.



SECOND WEDNESDAY TRAINING REMINDER

March 14, 2012
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Council Chambers
Encumbrances



Newport Beach Fire Department Office of the Fire Chief

DATE: February 24, 2012
TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager
FROM: Scott Poster, Fire Chief
SUBJECT: **CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**

Chief Poster's Badge Pinning Ceremony

On Tuesday, February 21, Chief Poster's family, friends, fellow Fire Chiefs, firefighters, lifeguards and City Council members gathered in City Council Chambers for his swearing in ceremony and badge pinning.

City Manager Dave Kiff conducted the ceremony with Chief Poster's wife, Barbara, pinning his badge on his uniform. We are all excited about the future of the Department and happy to celebrate this exciting occasion.



Second Alarm Fire on Clubhouse Avenue



On Sunday, February 12 at 9:03p.m., Newport Beach Firefighters responded to a residential structure fire in a duplex on Clubhouse Avenue on Balboa Peninsula.

Firefighters were alerted to the fire via a 911 call. The residents of the home reported that just before the fire, the power in a portion of the home went out and they noticed bubbling on the walls near the fireplace. They quickly called 911 and safely exited the home. Once outside, they could see heavy smoke coming from the exterior of the home near the

chimney area. Neighbors attempted to control the fire with a garden hose until firefighters arrived on scene.

Once on scene, first arriving fire units found heavy smoke and twenty foot flames ventilating through the roof from the second story of the house and threatening the neighboring home. Additional information was received from the Huntington Beach Police Helicopter that two individuals were trapped in the neighboring upstairs duplex home, due to the flames blocking their primary exit stairway. Firefighters called for additional units to be assigned to the call. Fire units quickly assisted the individuals to safety, while other units attacked the fire from within the home. The fire was extinguished quickly with very limited damage to the interior of the home or to the neighboring home; however, the fire caused significant damage to the exterior, including the fireplace and chimney.



The fire is under investigation, but appears to have started in the wall near the fireplace. Damages from the fire are estimated at \$50,000 to the structure and approximately \$3,000 to the contents.

Firefighters from Newport Beach and Costa Mesa responded to this fire as well as Police units from Newport Beach and the Huntington Beach Police Helicopter.

The Newport Beach Fire Department would like to remind you to have working smoke detectors in your home and a family evacuation plan that includes two ways out of every room with an outdoor meeting place.

President Obama's Visit



Newport Beach Firefighters worked with the Secret Service during the week of February 13-17 on the logistics of President Obama's visit. Numerous streets were closed or impaired due to traffic, so firefighters made alternate plans and staged in the Shorecliff's neighborhood in case any emergencies arose. None arose, but the experience was very exciting for firefighters, who were able to see the President and were included in the motorcade.

(pictured L-R: Police Lieutenant Dennis Birch, Fire Battalion Chief Jeff Boyles, Police Captain Dale Johnson)

CERT HAM Radio Class



The Newport Beach Fire Department Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) hosted a three-day Federal Communications Commission technician license amateur radio class on February 7th, 9th and 11th. 52 CERT volunteers participated in the training class. The FCC amateur radio technician class covered the basics of how radios work, how band charts work for frequency privileges and how to operate their amateur radios through local repeater systems. At the conclusion of the class, all 52 CERT volunteers passed the official FCC technician license test and will receive their FCC call signs in the next week.

Following the amateur radio class, a CERT Communicators class was held on Thursday, February 16th for all new amateur radio operators as well as all active Newport Beach CERT Communicators. The CERT Communicators class covered Newport Beach radio protocol, how to effectively communicate, proper “net” protocol, and how to program their radios. With this most recent group of graduates, there are currently over 100 CERT Communicators spread throughout Newport Beach.

Are You Prepared For a Disaster? - Join the Newport Beach CERT Team

The Newport Beach Fire Department invites all residents to join our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. CERT is a nationally recognized, Department of Homeland Security training program which teaches residents how to be prepared for unexpected disasters.

This spring, the Newport Beach Fire Department will hold two CERT programs; a Tuesday-Thursday evening class that begins on Tuesday, February 28 and an all-day Saturday class that begins on March 3. The CERT program is a complete, 28-hour certification that teaches residents about disaster preparedness, disaster psychology, light search and rescue, CPR, disaster medical operations and fire suppression. Upon course completion, all CERT volunteers are certified disaster service workers, ready to help themselves, their neighbors, and their community in times of need. The program is free of charge to Newport Beach residents and \$40 for non-residents.

Newport Beach CERT program schedules and applications are available on the City of Newport Beach website: www.newportbeachca.gov, under the Fire Department link. Interested participants can also email Community Preparedness Coordinator Matt Brisbois at nbcert@nbfd.net or call (949) 644-3112 for additional program information.

The Weather Channel TV Series Features Newport Beach Lifeguards

LIFEGUARD!

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 

Newport Beach Firefighters and Lifeguards will be featured on upcoming episodes of a new show on The Weather Channel, called "Lifeguard!". The Firefighters and Lifeguards are featured in the premiere episode on Thursday, February 23 @ 9:00p.m. ET / 8:00p.m. Central on The Weather Channel. For more info go to <http://www.weather.com/tv/tvshows/lifeguard/> .

To promote the upcoming show, Lifeguard Captain Brian O'Rourke and Seasonal Lifeguard Alex Scurr were invited to interview with the Weather Channel hosts from Atlanta at the NBC Studios in Los Angeles. The two went on Thursday morning for live interviews for the 9:40a.m. ET, 6:40a.m. PT with the hosts Stephanie and Mike, on the "Your Weather Today" show. They were asked various questions about what it is like to be a lifeguard and what it was like participating in the show. Short webisodes of their interview will be placed on the Weather Channel's website at <http://www.weather.com/tv/tvshows/lifeguard/> .

This show has been a great opportunity to highlight what Lifeguards do in Southern California as well as educate a national audience about hazards that exist at the beach and how to prevent serious injuries.





CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

DATE: February 24, 2012

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Terri L. Cassidy, J.D., Director of Human Resources

SUBJECT: News from HR and Risk Management

HEALTHCARE SYMPOSIUM 2012

Human Resources staff members Jill Ortiz and Kelsey Nash attended the California State Association of Counties Excess Insurance Authority (CSAC-EIA) 2012 Healthcare Symposium presented by Alliant Insurance Services. Presentations focused on new developments in health benefits for Medicare retirees, strategies for managing rising healthcare costs, Employee Assistance Program (EAP) trends and practices, as well as promoting nutrition and wellness for employees. The results of employees who are involved in an employer sponsored wellness program overwhelmingly result in more engaged, productive and satisfied employees. The City is reviewing available resources to provide more cost-neutral health and wellness benefits to our employees.

DEFERRED COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

The Deferred Compensation Committee met last week to discuss the preliminary results of the Request for Proposal (RFP) on our Deferred Compensation plan. Finalist interviews will be held in March and if a new plan provider is chosen, implementation will take place July 1. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14.

SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO CAREGIVERS

According to a recent article in the Los Angeles Times, more than 43 million Americans provide care for someone older than 50 who is aging or disabled, including 15 million who care for someone with Alzheimer's disease or dementia. Many are members of the "sandwich generation," taking care of an aging parent and children at the same time.

This responsibility can leave many caregivers overwhelmed, frustrated and finding it difficult to communicate with their respective charges about new lifestyle changes. ValueOptions, administrator of The Employee Assistance Program (EAP), is available to City employees needing help in dealing with these issues. Up to three telephone counseling sessions are free and if additional assistance is necessary, referrals may be provided. Each session is strictly confidential. To contact ValueOptions, please call 800-662-7241 or visit www.myachieve.com.

As an additional resource, please refer to the following articles from the Los Angeles Times:

<http://www.latimes.com/health/la-he-children-of-aging-parents-20120206,0,1747665.story>

<http://www.latimes.com/health/la-he-alzheimers-warning-signs-box-20120206,0,5163652.story>

Printed copies are also available in the Human Resources Department.



LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Library – Cultural Arts



February 24, 2012

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Cynthia Cowell, Library Services Director

Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

Library Services

What's Cooking

We had another sold out What's Cooking event on Tuesday. Chef Cathy Pavlos from Lucca Café treated us to a demonstration on how to make homemade ricotta cheese and use it in pasta dishes and dessert – delicious cannolis. We also enjoyed grilled vegetable antipasto and homemade pesto on grilled chicken and pasta. Next up: Chef Deborah Schneider from Sol Cocina.



Foundation Programs

The NBPL Foundation has created a new membership level for the younger segment of the population: 20 & 30-somethings! It is called Young Patrons -- \$35 to join. To promote it, they are offering new Young Patrons *two free tickets* to the program on Friday, March 2 with Steven Levy, author of *In the Plex* (as in the Googleplex). The tickets are valued at \$110 so it is a hot deal. People can join online at www.nbplfoundation.org

Library Expansion Update

The Library Expansion project is taking shape right before our eyes. The last beam is in place on the roof structure of the Library Expansion and the new City Hall. The photograph shows two gentlemen on the beam releasing the cable from the crane. Even though we are 21 months into the project, it seems to have really grown into a true building within the last six months.



Youth Services

High school students took a free SAT practice test at the Central Library last week and will be returning next Thursday to pick up and review their results. NBPL, in collaboration with Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions is offering a free practice test for the ACT on March 24. The library offers valuable resources for students preparing for college. There are several helpful databases online with information on college programs, admissions, testing and tuition funding. Each of the free practice tests is followed by a presentation by a Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions representative about understanding the scores and how to utilize them in the college planning process.

Cultural Arts Services

Community Read Begins April 9



How do we come together to talk about the things that matter to us all?

On a foundation of thought-provoking books, *California Reads* provides a springboard for people to think about and discuss ideas that are critical to life in our state. The City of Newport Beach and the Newport Beach Public Library invite you to be part of this journey - discovering what "Democracy" means.

This month we are gearing up for the launch of the program, "Searching for Democracy" at the Newport Beach Public Library. The program will include interesting events and discussion opportunities all the way through the Presidential elections of 2012.

Staff has selected a book that will be available for the community titled "The Penguin Guide to the United States Constitution", by Professor Richard Beeman. Dr. Beeman will participate in an Author-in-Conversation event with Mary Menzel, Director of the California Center for the Book on Tuesday, April 24 from 7-9pm. We will have promotional material, including an online brochure describing upcoming programs related to this community read on the library's website by March 9. Get ready to read Newport Beach!

Autry National Center Museum Tour

About 30 museum-goers attended the tour to the Autry National Center on February 16. The group was treated to a special annual exhibition, the "Masters of the American West Fine Art Exhibition and Sale", along with a private tour of the permanent collection. Attendees enjoyed lunch and some shopping in the museum store. Other highlights at this museum were a western-themed street, and many items including costumes and design sketches from some of the most well-known western movies of all time. A production crew from PBS' "America's Lost Treasure" were in full production at the Autry during our visit as well.

Elixir Piano Trio

What a delightful way to spend a Sunday Musicales afternoon! This excellent ensemble, comprised of classical piano, violin and bass performed on February 12 at Central Library. We had a full audience with approximately 100 in attendance, and many compliments to the performers when the show was over.



Events coming up in this series include a Sunday Musicales with Ceora Winds on April 15, and a Youth Concert with Craig Newton on April 28.



MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

February 24, 2012

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Mark Harmon, Municipal Operations Director

SUBJECT: City Manager's Newsletter

Reclaimed Water Stations Get a Make-Over

The Water Production Division is in charge of the two reclaimed water pumping stations located at Big Canyon Country Club and Newport Beach Country Club. Over time, the corrosiveness of the reclaimed water has wreaked havoc on the fittings located throughout the stations. Many small leaks have been repaired, but it was decided that a thorough make-over of the two stations was necessary.



The make-over of the each station was quite a time-consuming process. Recently, staff either replaced or rebuilt all of the check valves. All brass and other metal tubing was replaced with stainless steel. A welder was brought in to make additional pipe repairs. Pumps were repacked, oiled, and lubed. Finally, after a complete sanding of the entire pipe, a few coats of the traditional reclaimed purple paint were applied, and the stations now look and run like new.

Thank you to the crew for their tireless hours of work spent on both stations.

M&R Crew Replaces a Broken 12-Inch Water Valve



On February 16th, the Water Maintenance & Repair Division replaced a broken 12" water valve at the intersection of Santa Barbara and Newport Center Drives near Fashion Island. The valve was originally installed in 1974, and was no longer working. In order to replace the valve, the water service to the Marriott hotel needed to be shut off. Department staff met with representatives from the hotel to discuss the project to address the timing of the water shut off.

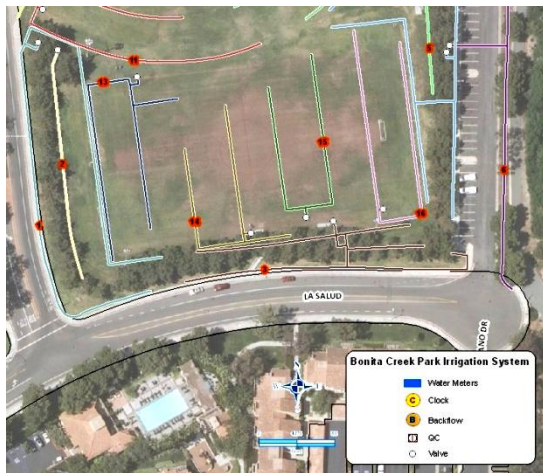


The installation of the new valve and restoration of the water service took only five hours. The new valve will allow for a more complete and timely shutdown of the water system in the case of an emergency.

Irrigation Mapping Teamwork

Recently, Parks Maintenance and GIS staff members collaborated to create irrigation controller atlases covering all parks and facilities. The maps make use of “real-world” information found in the field, set against a layer of the most recent aerial photograph for each site.

Each map calls out the location of the irrigation controller, backflow, water meter, and each valve found on that particular site. Thanks to modern technology and the teamwork displayed from GIS and MOD, valuable information will be easily accessible to our irrigation technicians, on-call staff, and all who are working to conserve our water resources.





NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

February 24, 2012

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Jay R. Johnson, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Newsletter

New Employees

Please join me in welcoming two new members of the Department, Police Officer David Henderson and Police Dispatcher Nicole Cole.

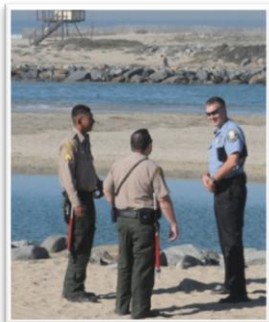


Officer David Henderson, formerly of the San Marino Police Department, served as a Field Training Officer in the Patrol Division, a Drug Recognition Expert, a member of the Detective Bureau, and an Operator on the San Gabriel Valley regional SWAT. David attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, and is currently enrolled at California Coast University in pursuit of his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. David will be assigned to the Patrol Division with a Field Training Officer.

Police Dispatcher Nicole Cole began her career with the Anaheim Police Department in January 2006, working as a Cadet, and in 2007, promoted to Traffic Controller. Nicole attended Fullerton College and graduated in August 2010 with an Associates in Science Degree for Administration of Justice and an Associates in Arts Degree for Liberal Arts. Nicole received a POST certificate in Public Safety Dispatch from Golden West College and will be assigned to the Communications Division with a Dispatcher Trainer.



Animal Control Officers Partner with O.C. Animal Control to Address Local Issues



Newport Beach Animal Control Officers, in conjunction with Orange County Animal Control (OCAC) Officers, have been working together to educate the public regarding Orange County Ordinance (OCCO 4-1-46), which states that no dogs (with few specific exceptions) are allowed on County public beaches at any time. Of particular note is the County beach area adjacent to the Santa Ana River mouth, just west of Summit Street and W. Ocean Front. Both County and City staff have provided regular patrols in the area where the City's jurisdiction borders the County's jurisdiction, to educate members of the public concerning domestic animal regulations. We also

appreciate the cooperative efforts of our City's Park Patrol Officers and Lifeguard personnel in spreading the word.

The County ordinance regarding no dogs on County beaches has been in place for many decades. The Police Department appreciates the time residents and Community visitors took to notify us of these violations occurring on the beachfront in the Santa Ana River. Our County partner has responded with increased patrols and enforcement and is looking at the feasibility of installing signage. We thank the public in advance for following these rules, as we seek to ensure a safe environment for all to enjoy.

DUI Checkpoint



On Friday, February 17, the Police Department's Traffic Division conducted a sobriety/Driver's License Checkpoint in an effort to reduce the number of drinking drivers on the road. The checkpoint was located in the northbound traffic lanes of Newport Boulevard at Finley Street. While checkpoints

do not necessarily produce dramatic increases in arrests, they do have a strong educational and deterrent influence on the motoring public.

Sobriety checkpoints are established to ensure the public's safety and reduce the number of alcohol-impaired drivers on the roadways in our Community. A total of 1,273 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, and 588 drivers were contacted. Part of the screening process included the distribution of an educational brochure on "Driving Under the Influence (DUI)," prepared by the Traffic Division. Of the 588 vehicles stopped, 13 motorists were administered Field Sobriety Exams, and three were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and booked at the Police Department's jail. In addition to the three arrested for DUI, one driver was arrested for having an outstanding arrest warrant, and six citations were issued. Funding for the checkpoint is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

City Manager's Newsletter



To: David A. Kiff, City Manager
From: Stephen G. Badum, Public Works Director
Date: February 24, 2012

President Obama Comes to Buck Gully

The Buck Gully Restoration Project is heading toward a satisfactory end. Work is completed in the upper canyon area with streambed stabilization measures installed, fine grading completed, trees planted and the area hydroseeded with a native plant seed mix (See Figure 1).

The lower canyon area is rapidly nearing completion. Public Works Inspector Frank Martin stands in a completed gabion drop structure into which the creek has been relocated to its former correct location near the center of the canyon (Figure 2). Planting of sycamores, oaks and cottonwood trees has been completed. Final grading and grooming is in process. and the final reach of the creek will then be fully opened as heavy machinery is withdrawn from the site.

This construction project was completed in four months, thanks in part to a rather dry winter, which has surely set a winter record for a large-scale canyon restoration project.



Figure 1



Figure 2

Upgraded Waste Handling Treatment System at Hixson Metals

The Public Works Environmental Section inspects commercial and industrial businesses throughout the City to prevent hazardous materials from entering into water courses, the bay and ocean. Hixson Metal Finishing moved into a more frequent inspection level than in previous years based upon their type of business and their antiquated waste treatment system. Hixson is a plating, painting and metal coating company that uses cadmium, nickel, copper and other hazardous chemicals in their processes.

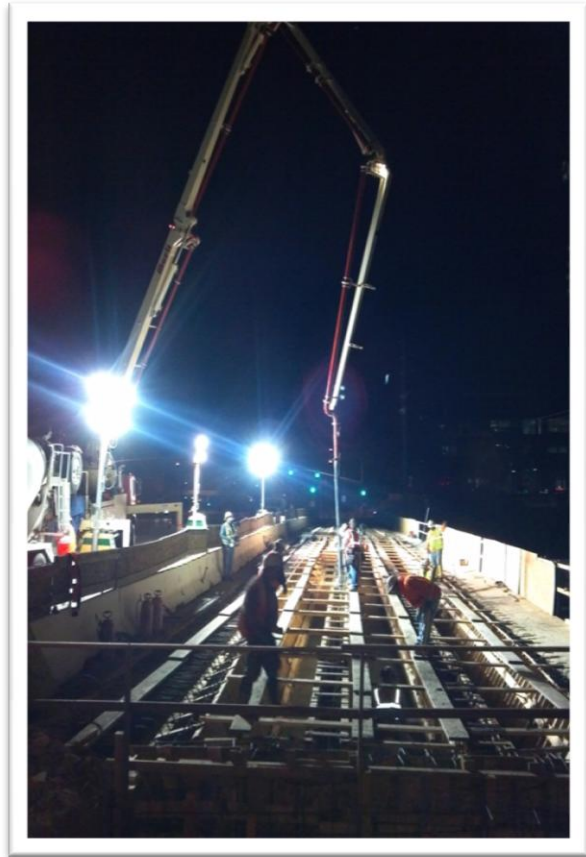
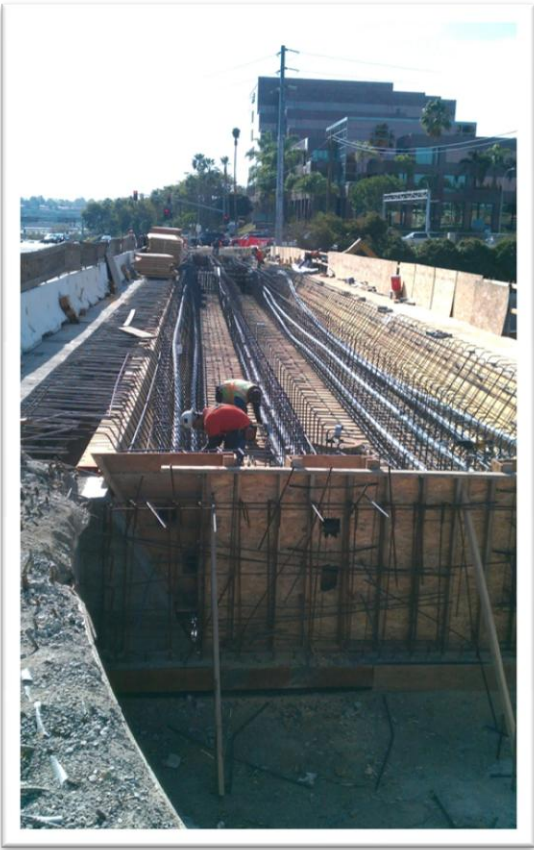
John Kappeler and Shane Burckle, under the authority of our National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System storm/waste water quality permit and in coordination with the Fire Department, have been working with Hixson to improve overall safety and the proper handling of waste generated from their facility. Hixson has upgraded its waste treatment system and has worked cooperatively with us to improve its handling and disposal of waste materials and looks to be a well run facility. We are very pleased to report that the facility has passed all of its recent inspections.



Jamboree Road Bridge Widening over State Route 73

Construction is progressing nicely on the bridge structure along Jamboree Road. Temporary falsework over the 73 Freeway is in place. The contractor, Beador Construction Company, recently poured concrete to complete the soffit and stems (structural jargon for bridge bottom and sides). The next milestone will be to form and pour the bridge deck. The overall project is approximately 60 percent complete, within budget and on schedule.

The contractor will begin construction of the landscaped medians on Jamboree Road while the new concrete bridge structure cures. To facilitate this work, southbound Jamboree Road will be reduced to two through lanes between MacArthur Boulevard and Bristol Street South. This proposed lane closure is anticipated to start in mid March 2012 and should reopen in approximately 6 weeks. As an alternative route, please consider using MacArthur Boulevard to University Drive to help alleviate traffic congestion.



FY11-12 Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter Replacement Project

On November 8, 2011, City Council awarded a construction contract to Grigolla and Sons Construction Company, Inc., for the 2011-2012 Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter Replacement Project. The scope of work included replacing deteriorated curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, tree root pruning, installing root barriers, tree removal and replacement within the Corona Del Mar, Harbor View and Newport Center communities.

The contractor is currently working in Corona Del Mar and scheduled to start work in Harbor View within two weeks. City staff has been working together with an ISA certified arborist who was been retained to assess tree condition and provide root pruning and tree removal recommendations. Initial recommendations were to remove 20 plus trees from the CDM area. After extensive review and field modification by City staff, it was determined that only 10 trees would be removed as part of the concrete project and the others will be saved. A special thanks to Dan Sereno and John Conway for their efforts in working with our contractor regarding the trees. The Contractor's efforts will be phased so that there will be minimal traffic impacts, and allow as much on-street parking as possible for residents.

Construction began January 9, 2012, and is scheduled for completion in May 9, 2012. Comments or questions about this project can be directed to Associate Civil Engineer Alfred Castanon at 644-3342, or Public Works Inspector Mike St Clair 270-8133.





To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director

Date: February 24, 2012

PROMOTIONS

Please join us in congratulating Stephanie Nealey and Megan Dias as new Senior Recreation Leaders in the youth programs division!

Stephanie began working for Recreation as a CIT (counselor in training) in 2005 and was hired part-time in 2007 as a Recreation Leader. Since then she has become a leader in afterschool programs and special events. In her free time Stephanie enjoys singing and music. Stephanie will be taking over at Active Kids Afterschool program at CYC and will be a great asset to the team.

Megan was hired as a Recreation Leader in 2010 and currently works in the Active Kids Afterschool program at Mariners. Megan will take over the West Newport afterschool site and the Balboa Summer Camp. Megan enjoys scuba diving and running in her free time and loves everything about recreation!

REGISTER FOR SPRING RECREATION CLASSES!!

The spring 2012 *Newport Navigator* will be mailed to residents the week of February 27 with registration beginning on March 1. The brochure will "spring" the public to register!

A digital version on the spring 2012 *Navigator* is available on the City's webpage. New classes include, Chinese Mandarin, Small Hands Art, Kids Yoga, and Italian!



JUNIOR LIFEGUARD TRY-OUTS

Jr. Lifeguard Tryouts were held on February 19 at the Marian Bergeson Aquatic Center at CdM High School. The tryouts will continue through mid-March.

Recreation staff has been working with the Junior Lifeguard staff to coordinate the try-outs at MBAC saving the Fire Department about \$1000 in staffing and rental expenses.



RESTROOM REMODEL @ CLIFF DRIVE PARK

Thanks go out to the *MOD Squad* for working with Recreation staff to remodel the restrooms at Cliff Drive Park. New tile, flooring, paint and fixtures have the restrooms looking like new for the public! New doors will be arriving soon and then the project will be complete! Other significant maintenance projects that MOD is currently partnering with staff include:

- Full restroom renovations at Bonita Creek Park
- New counters in the Mariners VJC Restrooms
- Renovation of the Marion Bergeson Aquatics Office

**MARINE PROTECTION & EDUCATION TO HOST AWARD WINNING FILM AT BACK BAY SCIENCE CENTER**

On March 7 at 7pm Dr. Karen Martin will present her new film *Surf, Sand, and Silversides: The California Grunion* at the next Orange County Natural History Lecture. The film won 1st place Documentary Short at the Los Angeles City Cinema Fest. The film documents the elusive but spectacular natural phenomenon of midnight spawning runs and the challenges facing this charismatic surfing fish and its nests on urban beaches of California. In a world where fish come out of water, one species stands between life and death. One species, one spawning habitat, one moonlit night - this is the story of how far these fish will go for love. Leaving the sea in droves, they risk it all in search of passion.

Dr. Karen Martin is a professor of biology and the Frank R. Seaver Chair in Natural Science at Pepperdine University.

This is a special opportunity for Newport Beach to learn about the fish found only on the California coast. For more information please contact Michelle Clemente at mclemente@newportbeachca.gov.

Quote of the Day

A good stance and posture reflect a proper state of mind

...Morihei Ueshiba

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Responsible Staff</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Location</u>
NTAC production - <i>Pack of Lies</i>	1/27-2/26	7:30pm	NTAC	631-0288	Newport Theatre Arts Ctr
<i>Sweethearts Dance</i>	2/15	2pm	M Byers	644-3244	OASIS Event Center
<i>Camp Newport @ Spirit Run</i>	3/3	6am	R Valdez	644-3154	Fashion Island
Orange County Natural History Lecture	3/7	7pm	M Clemente	644-3036	Back Bay Science Center
NTAC production – <i>Crown Matrimonial</i>	3/30-4/29	7:30pm	NTAC	631-0288	Newport Theatre Arts Ctr
<i>City Track Meet</i>	4/20	4pm	A Ernst / S Williamson	644-3151	CdM High School
NTAC production – <i>The Boy Friend</i>	6/1-7/1	7:30pm	NTAC	631-0288	Newport Theatre Arts Ctr
<i>CdM 5K</i>	6/2	7am	J Cates	644-3154	CdM Ocean Blvd
<i>Summer Camps Begin</i>	6/25	7am	J Harmon/R Valdez	644-3151	All over the City



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